



“ THIS IS PERSONAL ! ”

(ACTS 17:28)

Intro: *VISION 2023* will come to pass based on two things...*Divine Victory & Individual Investment*.

- *Divine Victory* has already been *declared and given* (1 Corinthians 15:57)
- *Individual Investment*, though commanded, *IS A CHOICE* (Romans 12:1)

In other words, *IT'S PERSONAL!* What the Apostle Paul declared in the text, while eternally and relationally true, the embracing of it *IS PERSONAL!* The spiritual breathing process is subject to our Free Will. We have *THE POTENTIAL* to *INHALE [Take In]*, *EXHALE [Live Out]* and *REPEAT* His Wisdom, Desires, Plans and Will that we might *BREATHE & GROW! ...OR NOT!*

THIS IS PERSONAL—The Lord has given *His Command, Instruction and Calling* to each and every one of us. Based on our *Faith In* and *Love For Him* we'll either *respond in anointed obedience...OR NOT!*

1 Good & 1 Bad Example Of "THIS IS PERSONAL!"

- Adam and Eve made a *Personal Choice* (Genesis 3:1-6=*Fruit & A Female Over The Father*)
- The 3 Hebrew Boys made a *Personal Choice* (Daniel 3:16-18=*Faith & Fire For The Father*)

3 STEPS TO "THIS IS PERSONAL!"

1. BE _____ IN CHRIST TO *BREATHE & GROW!* (“...in Him we live [*MANNER OF LIVING OR BEHAVIOR*]...”)—[*Personal* _____]—My Daily *LIFE* is centered *IN*, and surrounded *BY, HIM*.
 - Christ Driven Conduct is a result of consistent intimacy (Acts 4:8,12-13).

2. BE _____ IN CHRIST TO *BREATHE & GROW*-("...and move [TO STIR UP, EXCITE, SET IN MOTION]...") [Personal _____] - My Daily Routine *On Purpose*, revolves around *His Purpose* for me.

■ Spiritual Discipline is a calculated action with the goal of an improved condition (Hebrews 5:14)

3. BE _____ (*TO EXIST OR STAND OUT OR ABOVE=EXTRA*) IN CHRIST TO *BREATHE & GROW*-("...we have our being...") [Personal _____] - My Daily Response To His *Personal Goodness*

■ Exuberant [*JOYOUSLY UNRESTRAINED AND ENTHUSIASTIC*] worship is an outpouring of my ongoing testimony (Psalm 34:6-8).

Conclusion: OUR SALVATION WAS/IS PERSONAL TO JESUS (Luke 22:42)!